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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

FROM: Edward J. Maloney
Director of Information Technology, DA

SUBJECT: Development of a Secure VM Password Delivery Application (U)

1. I apologize for the extended delay in responding to your request. The request was reassigned to the Interactive Systems Branch within the Operating Systems Division of the Engineering Group in March of this year. Soon after the transfer, [] of ISB discussed the request with Linus Upson, the point of contact indicated in your request. ISB also reviewed the information provided by other participants in the earlier discussions. ISB personnel felt that the complete solution for your request would require major changes in the entire VM Directory maintenance process, something that cannot be accommodated within the existing set of programs. Several alternative solutions which could have been accommodated by current software were proposed but were deemed unacceptable to IMS by your point of contact officer. []

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2. The information gained by these discussions enabled ISB to research commercial software packages as possible replacements to the locally developed and maintained VM directory maintenance programs. ISB has met with several VM software vendors in the last few months, but their existing products, where available, lack the capability and functionality that is required in our environment. In the long term, this research may provide a solution but does not do so at this time. []

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3. In view of the lack of commercial software which could meet your needs, we recommend that IMS develop an application that takes the data file which is today used to print the passwords and convert it to distribute them in a manner acceptable to both IMS and the Office of Security. OIT will support your effort by providing consulting assistance from ISB. The ISB point of contact is []

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 that it has to take almost
 9 months to answer this.
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DATE: August 12, 1987

NOTE TO: Edward J. Maloney

SUBJECT: Status of VM Password Response

We are delinquent in our response to the DO on their password related required.

The 'study' of the problem was completed about three weeks ago. We are now in the process of drafting a memo which will 'diplomatically' tell the DO that it is an application problem which they can do or contract. We will consult if necessary. The memo should be complete (in EG) by Friday.

14 AUG 87

D/OIT: We were probably under the front off the tickler system (pre-TRIS) at the time (Nov). That should ^{have} suffered for a preliminary memo back. An SI tracking system would have been necessary to track this thing through to completion (particularly since it seems to have moved between groups.)

The memo is incorrect in saying that EG had not contacted them. We've met with him several times since then.

I asked [] to provide some thoughts (attached) on how the SI would operate to prevent incidents like this in the future.

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ASAP! ASAP! ASAP! ASAP!
When EG got the action, we did track it in our system so D've known that it was outstanding. There has been significant activity on the memo, internal meeting and review meetings. Requirements have changed. The first few proposed suggestions were rejected, etc. An other words it had a long history. We should have at least sent an interim memo we goofed.

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5 August 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology, DA

FROM:

Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

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SUBJECT: Development of a Secure VM Password Delivery Application

REFERENCE: Memorandum for D/OIT, dtd. 26 November 1986,
Same Subject

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1. Action: Please advise on the status of the requested support.

2. Background: The referenced memorandum seeks OIT's assistance in the development of an on-line password delivery capability. This capability is of great interest to this Directorate in a time of increasing requirements and decreasing human resources. In January and February 1987, fruitful systems design sessions were held among representatives of DA/OIT, DA/OS and DO/IMS. We were informed that responsibility for the project changed hands within OIT in March 1987, but we have not been contacted by the new office nor have any plenary meetings of the working group been convened since that time.

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Attachment:
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14 August 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

SUBJECT: Requirements Tracking

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With respect to our recent conversation about tracking of requirements within the office, my current thinking on how the SI will assist is as follows.

As requirements come into the office, the SI will store them in a requirements tracking database. The SI will verify that response memos are generated and sent in a timely manner, and will also monitor implementation status for requirements that require some follow on effort.

The mechanics of this are a ways from being defined, but conceptually, at least, the requirements tracking database will be a tool to ensure that accepted requirements are followed through on.

The sticky points in the implementation of this are the capturing of the requirements in the first place (since they currently come into the office at all levels), and the mechanism used to track the status so as not to impact progress on the fulfillment of the requirement. I'm working with the SI to come up with a viable strawman proposal to float around to the ITMB members for their comment. We will have something on or before 4 September.

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